

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 825

By Davis

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Bobby Lynn Snyder upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Bobby Lynn Snyder, who has devoted nearly four decades to the education and instruction of young students and athletes in Tennessee; on March 18, 2006, Mr. Snyder will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame, a recognition most befitting of his outstanding service to Tennessee high schools and their students; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Snyder graduated from Boones Creek High School, where he was an All-Conference selection in basketball, and then went on to receive both a bachelor's and a master's degree from East Tennessee State University, where he was a top-scoring member of the basketball team; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Coach Snyder commenced his illustrious, thirty-four year coaching and teaching career at Boones Creek High School in Washington County, where he served for eleven years as Head Baseball and Basketball Coach; and

WHEREAS, in baseball, Coach Snyder amassed a 130-61 record, won two Washington County championships, and tied for two others. In basketball, his win-loss record was 230-105; he won sixty-six consecutive conference basketball games between 1966 and 1971, and he led his team to twenty-plus win seasons in the last seven years of his tenure; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Coach Snyder moved on to put up equally impressive numbers as Head Coach for Daniel Boone High School, where he coached basketball until his retirement in 2004. There he amassed a 591-383 record, bringing his total win-loss record to 821-488, which ranks second in the State for active coaches; and

WHEREAS, thanks to his dedication and peerless coaching abilities, the Daniel Boone varsity team won their first Sectional Tournament in 1999 and advanced to the 1999 State Basketball Tournament; they also amassed numerous District and Regional wins and Sub-State appearances; and

WHEREAS, in total, Coach Snyder enjoyed 31 winning seasons and 18 seasons with 20 or more wins, both incredible achievements; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Coach Snyder was winning coach of the 1999 East-West All-Star game, and he has been inducted into the East Tennessee State University Hall of Fame and the East Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame; he was named TACA Coach of the Year in 1984-85, and ten times he earned the title of Conference Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Coach Snyder founded and sponsored Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapters at both Boones Creek and Daniel Boone High Schools. He was a member of the Washington County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the National Education Association, and is a recognized speaker at area churches, civic organizations, and athletic events and clinics; and

WHEREAS, the significance of Bobby Snyder's dedication to excellence cannot be adequately measured by winning seasons alone; his positive impact on the lives of his students, athletes, and fellow teachers and coaches still resounds in the community today; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and devout member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, where for many years he has served faithfully as a deacon, chairman of the finance committee, and Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, his educational, athletic and civic endeavors aside, Bobby Snyder has always maintained the highest family values, and is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, June, with whom he shares a daughter, Summar; two sons, Bobby, Jr. and Lance; and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for the above accomplishments, his impeccable moral standards, and impressive work ethic, Coach Bobby Snyder has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Snyder, as a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies the type of selfless community servant, civic leader, and educator whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts to mold the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards, whether on the athletic field or in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join in celebrating the induction of Coach Bobby Lynn Snyder into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, reflecting fondly upon his substantial legacy as a teacher, coach, and community servant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.